GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3200
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WELFARE OF FISHERMEN
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether any demand has been received for welfare of fishermen especially in coastal areas of the country particularly in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, whether any Law is proposed to be brought forward for their welfare and security;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the Government are aware of hardships faced by Indian fishermen due to virtual stoppage of export of fish based products from Tamil Nadu; and

(f) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL)

(a): No, sir.

(b) to (d): Does not arise.

(e & (f): There is no stoppage of export of fish from the country or even Tamil Nadu. During the period 1-4-2001 to 30-9-2001, 151620 MTs of fish and fishery products valued at Rs. 2832 crore were exported from the country. 27787 MTs of fish and fishery products valued at Rs. 1054 crore were exported during the current year from the two ports of Chennai & Tuticorin from Tamil Nadu. A series of steps aimed at further boosting of production of fish specially through aquaculture, controlling of disease outbreak and encouraging the brand name of Indian fish in the the international market have been initiated by the Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA).